Subsidy on Food

3776. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been spent on food subsidy for the last three years; and

(b) what is the ratio of subsidy between wheat and rice?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Amount of food subsidy claimed by the Food Corporation of India and reimbursed by the Govt. of India during the last three years was as under:—

Year	Food Subsidy (including carrying charges) claimed by the F.C.I.	Food Subsidy (including carrying charges) reimbursed by Govt. of India
	For the Year Rs. Crores	During the year Rs. crores
1984-85	1352 68	1100 00
1985-86	1890.96	1650 00
1986-87	2132 64	2000.00

(b) The ratio of subsidy between wheat and rice was as under:—

Year	Commodity	Issued		Consumer Subsidy	
		Lakh Tonnes	%	Rs. Crores	%
1984-85	Wheat	66 53	53 5	422 18	49.4
	Rice	57.77	46 5	432.56	50 6
	TOTAL	124.30	100.00	854 74	100 00
1985-86	Wheat	124.34	65.4	865 02	63 00
	Rice	65.73	34.6	508.37	87 00
	TOTAL	190.07	100 00	1373.39	100 00
1986-87	Wheat	110.22	56.4	936 06	57 7
	Rice	85 31	43.6	686 53	42 3
	TOTAL	195 53	100.00	1622.59	100 00